

GOSPEL LEAVES THE MESSENGER

Inspiration for a Brethren publication began with Henry Kurtz who was born in Germany in 1796. With a small hand-press located on the second floor of a spring house on a small farm in Ohio, he published the first issue of “*The Gospel Visitor*” in 1851. In the next few years, others started their own publications for the Brethren readership. Henry Holsinger wanted to produce a weekly paper, calling it the “*Christian Family Companion*.” These two were later merged into “*The Primitive Christian*.” In 1883, the “*Gospel Messenger*” was also a merger of the “*Brethren’s Messenger*” and the “*Brethren at Work*” and later owned by the Church of the Brethren when they purchased the Brethren Publishing House in 1897. The word Gospel was dropped from the title in January 1965 and its frequency changed from weekly to biweekly, and later to monthly in 1973.

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